

occupies Carter's campaign office

11, March 10 (AP) — Protesters identifying themselves as Defence League members said they took over President Carter's campaign office here today to protest the U.S. in the United Nations against Israeli settlements. A Carter worker said a group was at the office, "but it's nothing." No one was reported, and there were no reports that force was used in the incident. "They're protesting Carter's vote in the U.N. and they're protesting Carter in general, for all sorts of reasons," said a man identifying himself as David, a DL spokesman. A telephone call to the campaign office at 11 a.m. was answered by a man who said only "JDL." The man, refused to identify himself. He said there were about 15 members of the protest group. An office staffer who answered a telephone call reluctantly admitted that, "yes, there was a group that entered. Yes, they're still here...but it's nothing. We're not into anything, we'll get back to you," the worker asked to be identified.

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Armenians set bomb in Rome

ROME, March 10 (Agencies) — An Armenian urban guerrilla group claimed responsibility for a bombing in central Rome tonight which killed at least one person and injured up to 10 others. A telephone caller to a foreign news agency said the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) planted the two bombs, which went off within a minute of each other outside the offices of the Turkish Airlines. Eyewitnesses reported seeing a green motor scooter with two young men on board driving away from the scene shortly before the blasts, but there was no confirmation that they were connected with the incident. The explosions occurred in Piazza Repubblica, close to the city's main railway station, shortly before seven o'clock local time (1800 GMT), when the area was crowded with homegoing commuters. Police cordoned off the area, fearing further explosions. At the same time as the explosions, three fires, all apparently started deliberately, were reported in apartment blocks near by. Police could not say whether the incidents were connected.

Puts in doubt U.N. panel's future
Khomeini supports students' and on American hostages

4, March 10 (R) — Ruhollah Khomeini has put his silence on the U.S. hostage crisis with a backing of the stand of the militant captors and doubt the future of a United Nations commission.

A meeting was issued after a meeting between the Iranian leader and a majority of the ruling Council, who were seeking a ruling on the crisis. Ayatollah Khomeini said the council's decision would allow an immediate release of the five-man team of international lawyers and judges. He said such a meeting would take place if the council's decision was in favor of the hostages. He said such a meeting would take place if the council's decision was in favor of the hostages.

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Regional Briefs

SCUS, March 10 (R) — Security forces killed a prominent member of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in a clash in the city of Hama last week, government sources said today. The man was Bassam Arna'oot and said he had played a role in an extremist faction of the Muslim Brotherhood, has been blamed by Syria for a long series of assassinations of violence aimed against the government of President Hafez Assad. In a toughly-worded speech yesterday, President Assad vowed to teach enemies of the government "an unforgettable lesson" and said: "We, too, can fight, kill and be killed for our national progressive targets." Last night, the general fed of trade unions announced plans for the establishment of "militias" throughout the country to defend it against its enemies.

AVIV, March 10 (R) — An Israeli firm announced here it expected to export 10 million dollars-worth of paper to this year. A spokesman for the American-Israeli Paper Co. said the company's chairman Mr. Shmuel Rotem last returned from Egypt after signing the first deal totalling 10 million dollars with private Egyptian companies. First shipments were for Egypt within a few days, the spokesman said.

IT, March 10 (AP) — Former Education Minister Edmund Byrne released yesterday after a 24-day captivity with northern Irish gunmen, the Phalange Party announced. Mr. Rizk is the leading member of the politbureau of that party, which ended the strongest militia during the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war. His abduction, Feb. 13, was part of a war of vendetta between the Phalange Party militia and the Marada (Giants) of former President Suleiman Franjeh. "I come out of my more convinced that Lebanon needs now, more than before, to achieve national reconciliation," Mr. Rizk said in a statement. "I will spare no effort to bring all factions together and end Lebanon's nightmare."

AVIV, March 10 (R) — Israel will tomorrow release six Israeli prisoners serving terms for membership in guerrilla organizations, military sources said here today. The sources said three would be handed over to Egypt while the rest have been released to remain in Israeli-occupied territory. The sources did not give any further details on the exact charges against the how long they have been in jail.

4, March 10 (Agencies) — Somalia's President Mohammad Barre arrived in Qatar today. He was welcomed at Doha airport by Qatar's ruler, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Abdul Aziz. Mr. Barre and Sheikh Khalifa will discuss bilateral relations and the present situation in the Middle East. Mr. Barre described his three-day visit to Iraq as "fruitful and fruitful."

OB, March 10 (R) — Sudanese Vice President Abdul Hamid Khalil arrived in the Ethiopian capital today for an official visit. Addis Ababa Radio reported. This is the first visit by a Sudanese delegation to Ethiopia since the two countries agreed to normalise their relations, strained over the border dispute in Ethiopia. Sudanese leader Lt. Col. Mengistu Hailemariam came to power five years ago. Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri last month said Ethiopia was ready to grant Eritrea a kind of autonomy within a united Ethiopia. Sudanese leader also said he would use his good offices to resolve the border problem. Eritreans have been fighting for independence for over 17 years.

SAH, March 10 (R) — Saudi Arabia announced today that it was cutting a British company, Blackwood Hodge Ltd., and its subsidiaries. A brief official statement said the company was being blacklisted for violating Arab boycott regulations in Israel. It gave no further details.

In a statement which referred to the embassy militants as "struggling Muslim students", Ayatollah Khomeini called on the students to hand over to the commission all documents discovered at the occupied embassy relating to the alleged crimes of the Shah and the United States.

He added: "If the commission declares its viewpoints in Tehran about the crimes of the Shah and America, a meeting between it and all the hostages is permitted."

Echoing the standpoint already put by the students, he said: "A (commission) meeting with the hostages who are implicated by the documents in the crimes of America and the Shah, in order that they be questioned, is permitted."

The statement also reaffirmed Ayatollah Khomeini's support for the Revolutionary Council and President Bani-Sadr, who was not at the meeting at the ayatollah's North Tehran residence this morning.

PARIS, March 10 (Agencies) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today praised President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing for showing courage through his endorsement of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

In a television interview in Beirut screened in France, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation praised the French president's statements on the Palestinian issue during his tour of Arab states.

Mr. Arafat said: "This was a brave step, to declare acceptance of our right to self-determination. I hope it will be followed by recognition of our independence and of the PLO."

The PLO leader described the French president's statement as a new element because it was the first time the leader of a major western country has spoken of PLO participation in negotiations on a peace settlement.

Mr. Arafat said Palestinians would be unable to forget what happened at the U.N. Security Council when the White House said the U.S. vote against Israel's settlement policy in occupied territories was an error.

Palestinians must receive a bad impression of the future of the U.N. if such conduct could be tolerated, he said.

Mr. Arafat said President Carter's retraction could not fail to give Palestinians a poor idea of the future of the U.N. He could not imagine that a super-power would behave in such a manner.

The incident not only damaged U.S. credibility, but also affected that of the U.N. and the Security Council, and this was a dangerous sign, he added.

The French president's endorsement of Palestinian self-determination within the framework of a negotiated Middle East settlement led to speculation about eventual French recognition of the PLO.

Mr. Arafat was evasive when asked whether the door was now open for him to visit France officially. He said he would not come without an invitation, and the matter was one for the French president.

On the chances of an overall Middle East settlement providing for the security of all states in the area including Israel, he said: "Before speaking of the security for all states, we must speak about the security of the Palestinians."

Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Paris, Sheikh Hujaylan, was also quoted in an interview carried by the Saudi News Agency that he believed the president's initiative would end with French recognition of the PLO.

But official French sources said the call for PLO participation in Middle East peace negotiations did not mean formal recognition of the organisation.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said in a joint statement on talks earlier with His Majesty King Hussein that to achieve a just and lasting Middle East peace, intensive efforts should be exerted and talks



His Majesty King Hussein and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing stand to attention as Jordanian and French national anthems are played at Amman airport Monday at the end of the French leader's three-day official visit to Jordan.



President Giscard d'Estaing takes leave of leading Jordanian officials. He shakes hands with Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, as His Majesty the King, His Highness Prince Mohammad (far right) and His Highness Crown Prince Hassan look on.

Arafat praises Giscard's courage

held in which all parties concerned, including the PLO, take part.

France's main European partners backed the call for self-determination within a negotiated settlement.

British officials in London today reiterated that the PLO would have to be involved in the Middle East peace process.

The officials recalled a speech by Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd on Jan. 30 stating: "We say to the PLO: Commit yourself to a negotiated settlement in which not only your own aspirations will be met, but

Israel's right to live in peace will at the same time be accepted, and much will become possible that is not possible now."

But Italy appeared today to reduce the prospect of any immediate statement by the European Economic Community setting out a new position.

Foreign Minister Attilio Ruffini told a news conference today that the current phase in negotiations fixed at Camp David between Israel and Egypt over the West Bank and Gaza Strip had a deadline of May 25.

"It would be prudent to await this date, see how the first stage of

the Camp David agreements finishes," he said.

Italy's position was one of firm support for the security of Israel and for the legitimate right of the Palestinian people to decide their future freely, he added.

KUWAIT, March 10 (R) — A Kuwaiti newspaper said today that French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had decided to invite Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat to Paris.

The newspaper Al Watan quoted responsible sources as saying the president decided on the invitation last week when he was in Kuwait at the start of a six-nation Arab tour.

During the tour the president supported self-determination for Palestinians and called for big power security guarantees for all Middle East states.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas said yesterday that President Giscard d'Estaing had discussed with Arab leaders a European-U.S. Middle East peace plan that would give the Palestinians a national home.

illogic and its bewilderment," said Mr. Moshe Shahal of the opposition Labour Party.

Mr. Shamir leads the conservative faction of Mr. Begin's Herut party and some observers see his appointment as boosting his chances for succeeding Mr. Begin as party leader. His main rival is Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, leader of Herut's moderate camp.

Prior to the partition of Palestine in 1948, Mr. Shamir led an underground Jewish terrorist group that terrorised Arabs and fought British mandatory rule. His name was linked with the murders of former Colonial Secretary Lord Moyne in Cairo and of U.N. Envoy Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden in Jerusalem.

He spent 10 years in the Mossad, Israel's secret service before he retired to go into private business.

He was elected to the Knesset in 1974 and since then has devoted his full time to politics.

The Stern Gang was formed as a splinter group from the Irgun Zvi Leumi, another underground group headed by Mr. Begin. Mr. Shamir's men considered Irgun too mild.

He was born in a small town in eastern Poland in 1914 where he received a Zionist education. He broke off his law studies in 1935 to emigrate to Palestine and a year later joined the I.Z.L. Jewish underground movement of Mr. Begin.



Yitzhak Shamir

Hussein, Giscard agree:
PLO must participate
in Mideast peace talks

AMMAN, March 10 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing agreed today that a comprehensive

settlement in the Middle East must be achieved in negotiations by all parties concerned, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A joint statement quoted by the Jordan News Agency (JNA), said the two leaders affirmed "the importance of the essential nature of the Palestine problem and voiced their conviction that the problem was not a refugee problem, but rather a problem of a people which is looking for its legitimate existence and which should be made able to exercise its right to self-determination within a framework of a peaceful, just and durable settlement."

"Until such an international, just and permanent settlement to the Middle East problem can be achieved," the French president and King Hussein "are agreed on the need to exert intensive efforts and conduct talks in which all par-

ties concerned participate, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation, whose representation is recognised on a large and great scale in the international community, in the framework of the United Nations and on the basis of its resolutions," the statement said.

JNA said the two leaders focused a special attention on the Middle East issue and the situation in the region and both topics were discussed thoroughly.

They "agreed that the delicate and critical situation in the region poses a threat to world peace and security, thus prompting the necessity and importance of finding a comprehensive and just settlement to the conflict in the Middle East. They emphasised that such a settlement is able to establish the just and lasting peace to all peoples of the region and that this peace is vital and necessary for their security, independence and their economic and social development," JNA added.

The agency said King Hussein and the French president agreed that the search for a peaceful settlement ensuring the legitimate rights and aspirations of all parties concerned is imperative now, more than ever before.

"The international community has become aware of the need to find an international solution to the Middle East problem based on the United Nations Charter and Security Council resolutions and international doctrines to lead to the total Israeli withdrawal from all the Arab territories occupied in 1967, recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including its right to a homeland on its own land and the recognition of the right of all states in the region to live in peace within secure, recognised and guaranteed boundaries," JNA said.

The statement was issued simultaneously in Amman and Paris at the end of a three-day official visit to Jordan by President Giscard d'Estaing and his wife.

It said talks between the two leaders were marked by the spirit of friendship, frankness and

mutual respect, as well as full understanding."

The talks "dealt with the situation and conflict in the Middle East in particular, current international issues of common concern and bilateral relations," it said.

The two leaders "expressed their concern over the current situation in the Lebanon and affirmed their support of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Lebanon," according to JNA.

The French president and His Majesty the King "observed with satisfaction the presence of identical views between their two countries vis-à-vis the major international problems and expressed concern at the tension which has emerged recently in different parts of the world and they affirmed their common commitment to the principles of independence and territorial integrity for each nation," it said.

They also "affirmed their conviction in the need for establishing relations amongst nations on the basis of mutual respect and in accordance with the principles that should govern international relations—especially those provided for by the United Nations Charter — the inadmissibility of interference in the internal affairs of other countries, cooperation for maintaining and bolstering world security and peace with the spirit of construction and consultation," JNA said.

"The situation in Afghanistan has drawn the attention and concern of the two leaders, who voiced their hope that an acceptable formula would be reached in order to provide the favourable climate to enable the Muslim people of Afghanistan to exercise their right to self-determination," JNA said.

The two leaders "expressed their conviction that the Arab-European dialogue affords the good climate for responding to the reciprocal interest of the countries of the European Economic Community and the Arab countries

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Lebanese hijacks MEA plane

BEIRUT, March 10 (R) — A 20-year-old Lebanese man with a toy pistol today hijacked a Middle East Airlines (MEA) plane to protest over the disappearance of Shi'ite Muslim leader Imam Musa Al Sadr.

But the hijacker, the fourth Lebanese to commandeer a plane this year in protest over the imam, gave himself up when the aircraft

landed at Beirut airport.

The imam vanished after visiting the Libyan Jamahiriya in August 1978. The Libyan authorities deny any responsibility for his disappearance.

Airport sources said the Boeing, on a flight from Amman to Beirut, carried 53 passengers and eight crew.

The hijacker, Mustafa Abdul

Kader Hammoud, told reporters he wanted to draw attention to the mystery surrounding the fate of Imam Moussa.

On Jan. 31, police at Beirut airport foiled a hijacking attempt by three armed Lebanese about to board a Air France airliner on a flight to Paris.

Only three days before, a 30-year-old southern Lebanese hijacked an MEA plane on a flight from Baghdad to Beirut. A teenager in the same month commandeered an MEA airliner shortly after it took off from Beirut for Larnaca, Cyprus.

Airport sources said Mr. Hammoud, as in earlier cases, was allowed to address a hastily convened press conference at Beirut airport.

Like his compatriots, he also called for the deployment of Lebanese army troops in the south to bring peace to the region, the scene of intermittent clashes between rightist militias and Palestinian-leftist forces, as well as Israeli attacks.

Israeli teachers
go on strike

TEL AVIV, March 10 (Agencies) — Israeli educational establishments were closed today as the country's teachers staged a one-day strike, the latest step in a prolonged dispute over pay increases.

Some 1.2 million pupils and students were affected by the strike which was announced last night by union leaders representing 70,000 teachers after negotiations with the government, which seemed to be nearing a successful conclusion, collapsed.

The government has offered a wage increase of 16 per cent but agreement was held up after the teachers refused to sign a commitment to refrain from further strikes until the end of the year.

Classes from preschool to high school were closed by the one-day walkout, and Israel's universities also were struck for three days. The university instructors and management are locked in a dispute over additional pay for advanced degrees.

The teachers' strike disappointed both Education Minister Zvulun Hammer and union officials who in months of talks had agreed on an average pay increase of 16 per cent retroactive to the beginning of this school year. Current pay levels are equivalent to \$200 a month for a beginning teacher and \$350 for a 10-year veteran.

The teachers won the pay increases despite a government drive to hold down salaries to fight inflation, which soared to 111 per cent in 1979. But agreement was blocked by a dispute over a government demand that the teachers refrain from submitting disputes to labour courts for the remainder of the school year.

"We made serious attempts to reach an understanding that would prevent disturbances to the educational system," Mr. Hammer said in a television interview, "but for reasons not totally clear to me, we are stuck with a strike."

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Mme Giscard d'Estaing visits museums, historical sites

AMMAN, March 10 (JNA) — Her Majesty Queen Noor yesterday accompanied the wife of visiting French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on a tour of the Roman amphitheatre and the two national museums in Amman. They were briefed on the collections by the Minister of Tourism, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz.

Mme. Giscard d'Estaing earlier visited The Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts, where she was shown around the gallery's exhibits of Arab and Islamic arts by Her Highness Princess Wijdan. Princess Wijdan presented Mme. Giscard d'Estaing with a gift depicting the work of Jordanian artists.

Accompanied by the Prime Minister's and the Minister of Tourism's wives, Mme. Giscard d'Estaing also visited the Greek Orthodox Church in Madaba, some 30 kilometres south of Amman, which contains an ancient mosaic map of Egypt and Palestine. She also saw the archaeological site of Mount Nebo, west of Madaba.



Madame Giscard (in striped dress) listens to Dr. Ghazi Bisheh of the Department of Antiquities (third from right) as Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz (arms crossed) looks on.

Arab health ministers declare WHO boycott

AMMAN, March 10 (JNA) — Arab ministers of health have decided to place a boycott on all contacts with the World Health Organisation's regional office in Alexandria, Egypt and to demand that the office be transferred to another country. Health Minister Zuhair Malhas said here Saturday evening.

Speaking upon returning to Amman from an Arab health ministers' meeting held in Tunis, Dr. Malhas said the ministers also decided to set up an Arab centre for health documents and publications, and to Arabise medical books to be used in teaching throughout the Arab world. Among other decisions the ministers took was one to place warnings about the health hazards of smoking on all cigarette packets sold in the Arab World. They also recommended boycotting foreign tobaccos which contain more than one milligramme of nicotine a cigarette, the minister said.

During his stay in Tunis, Dr. Malhas held talks with his Arab counterparts on cooperation between Jordan and their countries in health-related fields.

German team here for aid talks

AMMAN, March 10 (JT) — German technical assistance and capital aid to Jordan will be discussed Wednesday during inter-governmental negotiations at the National Planning Council (NPC), a source at the NPC told the Jordan Times. Another source said the negotiations will involve "large sums."

The discussions will be held between a German delegation, which arrived here Monday for a five-day visit, and NPC officials. They will concern technical assistance to Jordan for 1980 and capital aid for 1980-81. Further details were not revealed.

The German delegation will also visit the Jordan Valley on Tuesday.

PM: Government to start with itself in expense control

AMMAN, March 10 (JNA) — The Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, told the National Consultative Council (NCC) today that the effort to organise and control expenses will start with the government itself. He also said the control of consumption should be undertaken not only by excessive consumers, but by all citizens.

Sharif Abdul Hamid said the government is keen on maintaining a balance between free enterprise and government intervention, to give protection to consumers in the interest of social justice.

During the NCC session Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour spoke about Jordan's oil imports which, he said, come mainly through the Trans-Arabian Pipeline (TAPline) in accordance with an agreement concluded in 1946. Jordan is expected to import nearly 14 million barrels of crude oil this year at world market prices, Mr. Nsour said.

price for consumers, and has imported large quantities of powdered milk — 600,000 cartons — which should suffice the country for a year. The temporary crisis has been solved, he added.

The NCC also discussed the government's statement of last week on the supply situation in the country. Several members put forward a number of proposals, which the prime minister said will be taken into consideration. Some members proposed in particular that the government should increase the customs duty on a number of luxury items.

At the outset of the session, NCC members observed a one-minute silence in memory of the late Abdullah Rimawi.



Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf

France, Jordan hold talks on economic, industrial, cultural cooperation

AMMAN, March 10 (JNA) — Talks on economic and industrial cooperation between Jordan and France were held here yesterday at the prime ministry. Heading the Jordanian side was Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Nsour and the French side was headed by Minister of Foreign Trade Jean-Francois Deniau.

The two sides discussed cooperation in promoting economic and trade relations, cooperation in the field of telecommunications, setting up joint industrial ventures, prospecting for petroleum, French assistance in building Al Maqarin Dam and a number of development projects in the Jordan Valley region.

Talks also covered cooperation in constructing two power and desalination plants at Aqaba and establishing a vocational centre for electric trades. The teams also studied prospects for cooperation in the development of phosphate mines, chemical fertilisers and setting up a car assembly plant in Jordan.

Jordanian-French talks were also held here yesterday on cooperation in the fields of television, antiquities, tourism, education and arts. Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat, who headed the Jordanian team at the talks, said wide prospects for cooperation between the two countries exist in these fields.

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An opening

IF THE European countries are really looking for an opening to steer the Middle East out of the present stalemate and away from the threat of further bloodshed and tragedy, then it is time that they grasped the nettle fairly and firmly.

And if the wise men of Europe are looking for a framework on which to base their initiative, they should look — as they most certainly are doing — at the language of the communique which President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and His Majesty King Hussein issued at the end of the French leader's visit to Jordan yesterday.

The communique makes clear that a comprehensive peace settlement can only be achieved through the participation of all the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, foremost among them the Palestinian people through their representatives, the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

It must also be universally accepted, the communique states, that the Palestinian issue is not simply a "refugee problem," but the problem of a people entitled to exercise its right to self-determination in a homeland of its own. A just and lasting peace settlement, furthermore, must guarantee the rights of all states in the region to live in peace within secure and recognised boundaries.

Here, in effect, is a new basis for Middle East peace negotiations, predicated on the implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions, on the withdrawal of Israeli forces and settlements from the Arab territories occupied by force since 1967, and on the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The acceptance of these fundamental requirements for peace by the European powers is a significant breakthrough in the search for a fair and permanent solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Britain and West Germany, Norway and Holland have all accepted in recent weeks that "any solution must recognise that the Palestinians had the right to self-determination within the framework of a negotiated settlement," as a British statement put it. Ireland and Italy have accepted that the PLO must have a role in any such negotiations. In the course of his Middle East tour, President Giscard d'Estaing has elaborated France's support for all these requirements.

The European powers may feel reluctant to push their initiative until they see whether the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian "autonomy" achieve any success by their May deadline. Even so, that gives more than two months for the European bid to take shape, and for the Arab states to derive the complementary and unanimous position of support which such an initiative deserves and requires.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI: During the tour that French President Giscard d'Estaing made with His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday to a number of important sites in Jordan, he was able to come closer to the worries of this country — the they national or developmental — and this constituted the basic framework for the talks between the French and the Jordanian sides.

In this land, our French guest can see the historical and geographic realities which alone are able to remove all fantasies about the conflict in the region — especially those about secure boundaries, which have always been the Zionist enemy's pretext at all stages of its expansion in the occupied Arab territories.

His Highness Crown Prince Hassan's explanation of the Zionist settlement policy and the chance to see with his own eyes the settlements established by the enemy in the occupied territories have deepened the President Giscard d'Estaing's conviction about the Zionist state's expansionist and aggressive nature. This also added another dimension to the feeling of responsibility which made France, in particular, and the European group in general, take up their courageous and distinct attitude towards the Palestinian people and the overall conflict in the region.

On the other hand, the French president felt in the tour of the Jordan Valley the huge potential of this land — manifested in its fertile soil and the energies of its people — which it could realise if it were given enough chance to turn completely to development and if it obtained enough economic support from the industrialised countries.

AL DUSTOUR: The Franco-Jordanian announcement of the principles of a Middle East solution constitutes an unprecedented rapprochement between the European viewpoint and that of the Baghdad summit countries as it also means an implied condemnation of the Camp David accords and a polite declaration of their burial forever.

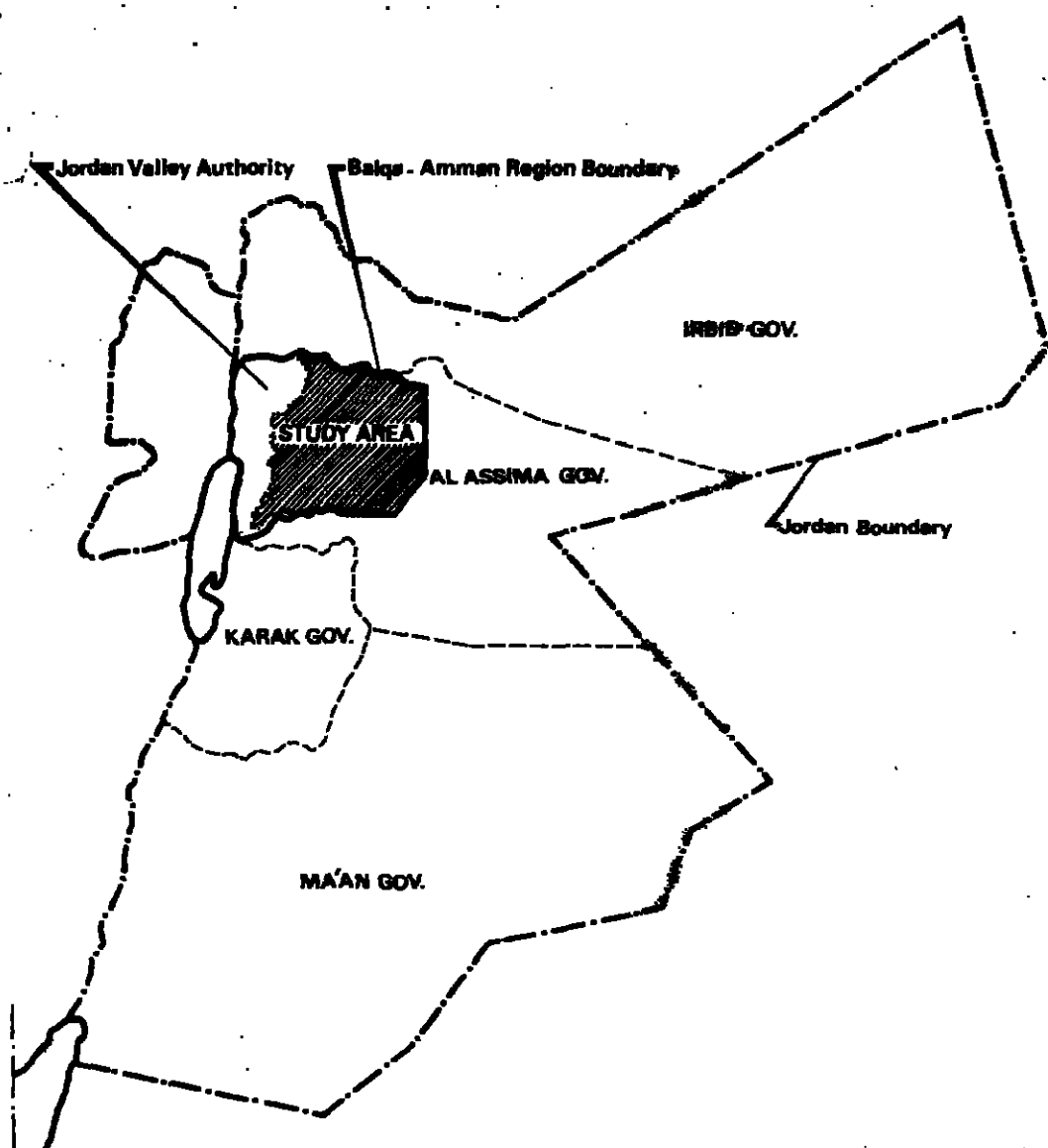
What remains is that the Arab countries which rejected the Camp David agreements due to the deficiencies and immense dangers they contained are called upon, more than at any previous juncture, to take advantage of this European openness resulting from the French president's visit to the Middle East quickly and intelligently, depriving Israel of the opportunity to sabotage this new positive trend on the part of the European group.

In other words, what is required is to continue and intensify the dialogue with France and the European group with the aim of developing the "Arabian principles" into a definite plan for peace with an operational programme.

To explain this further we say that what is required now is for a peace plan to be agreed upon by the Arab and the Europeans, and to be blessed by the Eastern bloc and the non-aligned countries. Then it should be officially presented at a special U.N. General Assembly session and special session of the Security Council, to be approved by the whole international community. This will be the sole basis for establishing a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

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Spirit of cooperation outweighs difficulties in transport surveys



This map shows the size and location of the area, centred on Amman, which is the object of the first comprehensive road traffic and public transportation study to be carried out in Jordan.

By Sara O'Neil
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, March 10—Perhaps as many as 50,000 men, women and children, in Amman and its environs, have so far assisted a team of transportation consultants in the first part of an intensive road traffic and public transportation study currently being carried out in the Amman area on behalf of Amman Municipality.

The consultants, a joint venture of British and Jordanian experts from Halcrow Fox and Jozzy and Partners, today paid tribute to the cooperation and hospitality of the inhabitants who participated in a series of surveys designed to reveal current travel patterns of a cross section of the population of more than a million who reside within the study area. This area consists of the Amman-Balqa region, minus that part which falls within the Jordan Valley.

The unusually harsh weather conditions that prevailed throughout most of last month made the team's job of policing traffic for the roadside survey even more difficult than anticipated, and the lack of formal addresses made even simple questions on origin and destination a lengthy tedious task for interviewers and interviewees alike.

Yet despite these difficulties the quality of the data collected in the three surveys conducted so far—household, roadside and bus passengers—is abnormally good, by any standard, as those members of the study team with international experience in such surveys pointed out to the Jordan Times.

Only a handful of people asked to participate refused compared with the generally high level of positive response from people. This cooperation, coupled with the young interviewers' skill in developing techniques, such as drawing maps, to overcome problems relating to addresses means that a high percentage of the data collected has been coded

straightaway and is ready for analysis.

The data collected from these three surveys and two more to be conducted this month—one on school children's travel and one on parking habits—will be used by the consultants to draw up a plan of action to correct the most obvious problems relating to the Amman region's increasingly chronic traffic congestion and inadequate public transportation system. This first phase should be completed by May of this year. (In Phase II, to be finished by early 1981, all data collected during Phase I will be analysed together with any existing proposals for the Amman region's traffic and transportation network with the aim of formulating a plan for a complete system to serve the region's needs over the next 10 years.)

The study area embraces a number of towns as well as Amman including Zarqa, Fuheis and Na'ur. For the purposes of the study, the consultants have divided the region into 120 zones, of which 80 fall within the city boundaries of Amman. These zones are based on the aerial units commonly used for planning purposes, with some alterations necessitated by the local topography, road system and areas of development.

In order to establish survey points, three cordons were drawn up: one around the centre of Amman up to the Third Circle, a second around the edge of the belt of the main area of Amman and a third just inside Madaba, Salt and Baqa'a.

"Screenlines" radiating outwards across the cordons provided survey points for the roadside survey in which 40,000 drivers of cars and passengers of taxis and services were stopped at 50 different locations and questioned about the specific journey they were on. In the bus survey, about 9,000 passengers on buses serving over 60 routes originating in Amman were questioned about their journey and in the household survey,

1,800 households were randomly selected from within the zones.

Of all the surveys, the household one was the most extensive requiring full details of a specific day's travel by all members of the family over the age of five years. The survey, which was carried out during the whole of February, required a field force of 60, 50 interviewers plus supervisors. A total of 12,000 family members were interviewed.

Most of the interviewers were young women from schools and colleges, chiefly teachers but also some students. They had the challenge of setting out by car under all weather conditions, usually in the dark, since the best time to catch people at home is late afternoon and early evening. They often went to outlying areas to which they had made a reconnaissance trip earlier in the week with a supervisor to fix an appointment.

Even with appointments, as many as four interviews might have to be made with the same household before every member of the family could be questioned in person. Details of trips by the interviewees even if they were as short as two minutes in duration—provided the method of travel was by any means other than on foot—had to be precisely noted down. This often required considerable patience, and only by getting people to describe locations as if giving directions on how to get there could the interviewer acquire accurate information most easily set down in the form of a map.

One of the young supervisors, Miss Lina Anabawi, a graduate of the University of Jordan, summed up her colleagues' feelings about working on the survey with the observation that she had had the unique opportunity "to learn how to talk to people of different backgrounds, different classes, different ages in different parts of town". Some areas such as Sahab, she had never had occasion to visit before. A number of people rambled on and on about their trans-

portation problems, and a very few even tried asking for money for answering the questions, but generally it was fun, she said.

For the roadside survey, a field force of 50 was out five days a week from six in the morning to three in the afternoon. Working on the survey as interviewers were some 40 students from Jordan University, all male, whose supervisors included two professionals from Jozzy and Partners and one from the municipality.

Despite a few abrupt replies from Amman's more time-conscious car-drivers in Shmeisani who did not care to sit and go into great details of where they had just come from, the patience of most people was very good.

As Mr. Terry Bowker, highway engineer from Yorkshire, England on contract to Jozzy's remarked, the hospitality of people, particularly in the outlying areas was amazing. Cups of tea and coffee, fruit and sandwiches would be brought, sometimes out of nowhere, to fortify the teams of interviewers who were out in even the most foul weather. One such scene is firmly engraved in his memory: Mr. Bowker recalls standing shivering one dismal morning on the Wadi Seer Road, shrouded in mist, when out of the blue emerged the form of an elderly man in traditional bedouin dress bearing a tray load of glasses of tea. "Am I still in bed?" wondered the Yorkshireman rubbing his eyes in amazement.

On only three days was the

weather too awful to consider carrying out the survey. "It is difficult at the best of times to police traffic in Amman," Mr. Akram Hindiyyeh, head of the municipality's Traffic Engineering Department pointed out. Mr. Hindiyyeh is acting as coordinator between the consultants and the municipality. Other government agencies with representatives involved as advisers to the consultants include the Amman Urban Region Planning Group (AURPG), the Ministries of Transport, Public Works, Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, the Public Security Directorate, the Public Transport Corporation and the Drivers' Syndicate, the association of drivers of public licensed vehicles such as buses, taxis and trucks.

Back in the office hard at work coding the data collected from the surveys to be analysed with the help of a computer is a team of 25, mostly students, who should have finished working on the first three surveys by mid-March.

The remaining two surveys will be carried out soon. They will be conducted in a low key manner, Dr. Denvil Coombe, head of the study team explained today. The education survey is of particular importance since about half the population of the country is of school age. Children in a cross section of schools will be questioned, with the aid of their teachers, on how they get to school and from where. In the parking survey, the aim will be to discover the habits of people parking in recognised parking lots and spaces.

Jewish settlers confident of eventually moving into Hebron

HEBRON, March 10 (R)—Jewish settlers are confident that the Israeli government will eventually let them live inside the Arab city of Hebron despite an international outcry against such a move.

The settlers, who at present live on the edge of the West Bank city, appeared undismayed by the cabinet's further postponement yesterday of a decision on whether they should be permitted to return to homes abandoned by Jews in 1929.

"I believe that our government will soon allow a new Jewish community to be established in the town," said Mrs. Miriam Levinger, wife of extremist Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a leader of the nearby Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arav.

Mrs. Levinger was among a group of ultra-nationalist women who a year ago together with their children took over an old abandoned Jewish building in the heart of Hebron in defiance of government orders.

Despite the government's

stated resolve soon after the takeover to remove the squatters, the women and children still remain in the stone building, campaigning for a large Jewish presence in Hebron. The Ibrahim Mosque in the city is sacred to both Arabs and Jews because it contains the tombs of the patriarchs, where tradition says Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are buried.

The 70,000-strong all-Arab town seemed almost normal despite the most recent Israeli plans, which prompted a United Nations Security Council resolution last week demanding removal of Jewish settlements from Arab territories.

Business was brisk yesterday in the town's colourful central market. Only a small sign engraved in marble in one of the alleyways, pointed to the spot where an Israeli soldier was shot by unidentified gunmen last month.

The killing was followed by an all-day curfew on the city. The killing was also the justification given by Israeli hardliners for their

demand to renew Jewish presence in the heart of Hebron.

On the edge of the market, piles of rubble remain where the Jewish community once lived.

Mohammad Al Atrash, a resident of Hebron, said: "We don't mind that the owners of the abandoned houses will come back. But this must be accompanied by an Israeli permission to Palestinians to go back to their former houses in Tel Aviv, Jaffa, or any other place in Israel," from which they were evicted when Israel was created, he said.

Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasmeh said he would oppose any Israeli settlement within the town limits, "although only Israel will suffer from its moves because the whole world will turn against it."

Mrs. Levinger said she believed only an Arab recognition of Jews "divine right" to the West Bank could end the conflict. "They should simply accept our sovereignty as a fact and agree to it," she said.

The Israeli cabinet is expected to discuss the Hebron issue next week.

Library Association compiling 1979 publications bibliography

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, March 10—As a result of the growing number of publications produced in Jordan, a need has arisen for a national bibliography to keep track of them and compile a list of their titles. Responding to this need is the independent Jordan Library Association (JLA).

The association is currently making an appeal to all individuals and all official, public and foreign organisations which have published anything in Jordan during 1979, to register these works with the JLA.

The JLA's President, Mr. Anwar Akroush, told the Jordan Times today that the list of publications to be called the Jordanian National Bibliography (JNB)—will be included in the Jordan Library Association quarterly to appear at the end of March. For this reason, the JLA would like information on 1979

publications to be received by ground March 30.

Asked why the JLA, a voluntary organisation, is making this appeal, Mr. Akroush responded that since Jordan has no deposit law or library legislation, libraries must cooperate in collecting a bibliography so works will not be lost. He added that the JLA holds that the government should not be responsible for doing everything, and that the library movement here is proving that people can cooperate to get something done.

He said that the organisation would also like to start compiling a bibliography for books published in 1978 and before, and would appreciate any contributions. However, he feels in the future a governmental Jordan Library

Board will need to be established and a deposit law will have to be passed in order to have a legal framework for comprehensive bibliographical collection.

Currently works collected by the JLA are shelved at the University of Jordan Library, he said, so "they can be used."

All persons and organisations who have published something in Jordan during 1979, should supply the JLA, Post Office Box 6289, Amman, with a copy of their work or its pertinent bibliographical data.

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U.S. wins Longchamp world cross-country

PARIS, March 10 (R) — Craig Virgin of the United States became the first American and only the third non-European to win the senior men's world cross-country championship here yesterday.

In a thrilling finish to the 13.9 kilometre race over the gentle gradients of Longchamp race course, Virgin overtook first Nick Rose of England, who had made nearly all the running, and then West German Hans Juergen Orthmann in the last few metres to capture first place. Orthmann was second and Rose third.

Rose, who went to the front in the third kilometre, stayed there until after the 11 kilometre mark when Orthmann moved up on to his shoulder before striding out in front. At this point it seemed it must be Orthmann's race but then came Virgin's surging finish. He caught Rose with 200 metres left and then 150 metres from the line swept past the West German.

Title-holder John Treacy of Ireland figured prominently early on but then slipped back to finish down the field. Treacy was attempting to win the senior men's title for the third year in a row. He showed briefly in second place around the three kilometre mark but then steadily fell back to finish 18th.

Virgin's winning time was 37 minutes 01.1 second while Orthmann clocked in 37:02.3 and Rose 37:05.8. Virgin commented: "I am very proud to be the first American to win the title." He is also only the third non-European to win, the others having been Assou El Ghazy of Morocco 1966 and Mohammad Gammodi of Tunisia in 1968.

Virgin revealed after his victory that he is due to meet President Carter with a delegation of American athletes to press for U.S. team participation in the summer Olympics later this year. "I want to represent the United States in Moscow," he said.

Indian wins badminton fame

COPENHAGEN, March 10 (AP) — India's Prakash Padukone defeated Denmark's Morten Frost 15-7, 18-13 to win the men's singles title and a \$3,000 first prize of the Danish open badminton championships yesterday. The speed and smashing power of the 21-year-old Dane was not enough against the Indian who was in control almost throughout the match although Frost put up a tremendous fight in the second set.

Padukone kept his opponent running all the time with delicate drops and vast superiority at the net. In the second Frost threw everything into the game, smashing his way from 1-4 to 4-4, then keeping pace to 11-11 and moving ahead to 13-11. But Padukone pulled even at 13-13 and, helped by a lucky shot dangling on the

net and by a disputable ruling, took the five points of the replay.

"The way Padukone played today he would beat anyone," said Frost who ousted Indonesia's Rudy Hartono in two sets in Saturday's semifinals. "He never makes an error and is a master of feigned shots that throw the opponent off balance or catch him moving in the wrong direction."

Arsenal to play Liverpool in semi-finals

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Arsenal, the holders, were paired with Liverpool, league champions and current leaders, when the semifinals of England's Football Association (F.A.) cup were drawn here today.

Liverpool, who knocked out Arsenal's neighbours Tottenham in London on Saturday, will be playing in their 13th semifinal, Arsenal their 15th. It is a confrontation which many fans had hoped to see.

The other semifinal brings together the less fashionable half of what has become a London-Merseyside contest. Everton, shock conquerors of Ipswich in the quarter-finals, face second division West Ham, who beat Aston Villa by a last minute penalty on Saturday.

Everton, though currently struggling on the fringe of the first division's relegation zone, have a formidable record in the cup. They have reached the semifinal 18 times, the final 10 times.

Nine years ago Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 after extra time to win the cup. They went on also to win the league, so completing a "double" which only Tottenham had achieved this century. This season Liverpool have the same target.

Ray Kennedy, striker in the Arsenal team, has since moved to Liverpool, where he has won England honours as a midfielder. Victory over his old club on April 13 would leave within tantalising reach of a unique "double" of his own—winning cup and championship medals with two teams when they achieved the "double".

Arsenal later twice returned to Webley — and twice lost. But last year they beat Manchester United 3-2 to win the cup for the fifth time.

Today's draw leaves open all geographical options on the final. It could be all-Merseyside, all-London, or London-Merseyside.

New world records set in weight-lifting

MOSCOW, March 10 (R) — Yuri Sarkisyan, an 18-year-old Soviet student, broke both the jerk and total world records for the bantamweight class at the Soviet Union weight-lifting championships in Podolsk near here yesterday.

Sarkisyan jerked 155 kilograms, compared with the previous world mark of 152 kilos by Anton Kadjabashev of Bulgaria. His total lift of 272.5 kilos eclipsed Kadjabashev's world record of 265 kilos.

Vyacheslav Klokov set the heavyweight snatch world record at 188 kilos minutes after Leonid Taranenko had raised 187.5 kilos to beat his own world mark of 186 kilos.

U.S. gains perfect points in gymnastics

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP) — World champion Kurt Thomas scored a perfect 10 on the horizontal bars yesterday as he and 13-year old surprise Tracee Talavera won the American cup gymnastic championship. Thomas received three tens and a nine from the judges, with the lowest score deleted. United States Gymnastics Federation spokesman said they believe it was the only 10 ever awarded for horizontal bar competition.

"I looked at two of the judges after the bar and two kind of nodded 'yes,'" said Thomas. "The 10 on the bar topped everything I've ever done." Thomas scored 58.85 overall points to surpass the meet record of 51.00. Connor received 58.40 points for second place in the men's division, followed by Bulgaria's Stojan Delchev with 54.45.

Switzerland eases funds control

ZURICH, March 10 (Agencies) — The Swiss government relaxed more barriers against the inflow of funds with the aim of halting a decline of the Swiss franc on foreign exchange markets. It eased a ban on Swiss banks' paying interest on foreign deposits and lifted altogether restrictions on the sale of francs to foreign for future delivery.

The interest ban was already lifted for foreign savings deposits last month. It now only applies to current account and deposits less than three months maturity.

The Swiss authorities have now abolished nearly all the barriers they erected from 1974 to 1978 to stem the flow of hot money into Switzerland. The resulting appreciation of the franc was then threatening to put Swiss export industry out of business. Today the government said weakness of the franc was stimulating inflation by making imports more expensive.

Effective tomorrow, interest payments will be resumed on time deposits held by non-resident foreigners and running for at least three months. Only sight deposits and time deposits for less than three months on non-resident foreigners remain under the no-interest rule.

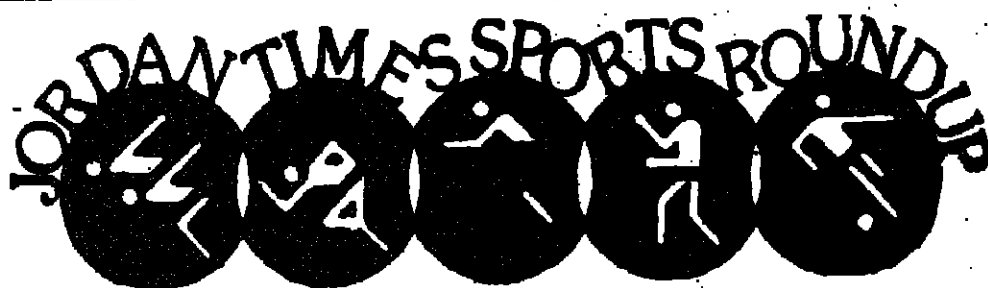
The inflation rate stood at an annual 4.1 per cent last month. Meanwhile, gold fell to \$585 an ounce—lowest since the wild price fluctuations of January—and the dollar was strong today on world markets which are expecting anti-inflation moves soon from Washington. The price of gold slumped \$17 between the morning and afternoon price-setting sessions on the London bullion market. This morning it had been fixed at \$602.

The gold price is now falling back towards the \$560 an ounce at which it began this decade before it went on to spectacular rises culminating in a record \$875 in January.

The dollar was strong today on world markets which are expecting the Carter administration to take more action soon to curb America's high inflation. The strength of the dollar came largely from record high interest rates in the United States at present. In the latest rise, on Friday, major banks pushed their prime lending rates to 17.75 per cent in an anti-inflation credit squeeze.

But with inflation running so high, measures are expected from President Carter who talked with his economic aides over the weekend. And some dealers also expect bank rates in America to go even higher.

The dollar traded in Europe today at round 1.8055 West German marks, compared with 1.7950 on Friday, and 1.7255 Swiss francs, compared with 1.7150. The pound sterling dropped to \$2.2183 from \$2.2277 on Friday.



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Spain's Basques elect nationalist majority in home-rule parliament

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, March 10 (Agencies) — Spain's restive northern Basque country has dealt a severe blow to the Madrid government by returning an overwhelming majority of nationalists to its first home-rule parliament.

Official results from yesterday's elections in the three Spanish Basque provinces showed nationalist parties together won 42 of the 60 seats in the new regional assembly.

The elections, ending 40 years of direct rule from Madrid, were a crushing defeat for Spain's ruling party, the Union of the Democratic Centre (UCD), which managed only six seats.

The clear victory of the moderate Basque Nationalist Party (PNV), with 25 seats, seemed certain to increase pressure on Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez to speed up the transfer of powers to the region.

The poll also emphasised continuing support for the separatist guerrilla group ETA, which has claimed responsibility for 20 killings this year in its fight for an independent Basque state.

Violence has taken 30 lives this year in the Basque country, and a brief lull during the campaign was broken today when gunmen shot a

teacher in the leg near here.

ETA military wing supporters in the radical coalition Herri Batasuna (Union of the People) established themselves as the second political force in the region by taking 11 seats.

Another nationalist group close to ETA's less violent political-military wing, Euzkadiko Ezkerra (the Basque Left), won six seats. The Socialists lost ground to the nationalists and won only nine seats.

The stunning failure of the UCD augured badly for the party in similar elections to a Catalan parliament on March 20.

PNV leader Carlos Garaicoechea, who is expected to form a single-party Basque government, said yesterday's vote would strengthen nationalist demands for fuller and speedier home-rule.

It was the first chance for Basques to elect their own government since the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) when the late Gen. Francisco Franco took aut-

onomy away from both the Basques and the Catalans, who fought against him before Gen. Franco defeated Spanish republican forces in the bloody three-year war.

Under an autonomy agreement negotiated between Mr. Suarez and Mr. Garaicoechea and endorsed by a Basque referendum last fall, the Basques can exercise limited autonomy as long as their laws do not conflict with the national government.

Basque home-rule gives local authorities a bigger share of the tax contribution to the Madrid government, plus limited control over education, health, courts and police.

Political violence is one of the most serious problems against which the new Basque government will now have to fight, along with a series of other problems such as the economic crisis and unemployment, with 10.7 per cent of the Basque labour force of 810,000 without work.

ETA, seeking full independence for the Basque region, took responsibility for 70 out of 119 political violence killings in Spain last year.

Now, after the elections, statements from several Basque leaders were diverse. While leaders of rightist and moderate parties said they would not negotiate with ETA, leaders of Basque leftist parties said that to reach a full normality in the Basque country, the Basque political forces would negotiate with ETA to end the violence in the area.

Connally withdraws from Republican presidential race

ORLANDO, Florida, March 10 (R) — Mr. John Connally, former Texas governor and treasury secretary, has pulled out of the Republican presidential race, leaving Mr. Ronald Reagan and Mr. George Bush to fight out tomorrow's Florida, Alabama and Georgia state primaries.

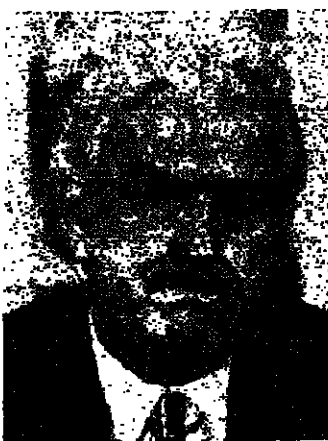
Mr. Connally withdrew yesterday after running a distant second to one-time California governor Reagan in South Carolina despite an intensive and expensive campaign. He won only 30 per cent of the vote to Mr. Reagan's 54 per cent.

Mr. Reagan, according to polls and Republican Party officials, holds a comfortable but not unshakable lead in the southern primaries.

Former Central Intelligence Agency director George Bush had been closing the gap in Florida, but his 15 per cent showing in South Carolina may have dealt his chances a major

setback. Mr. Reagan now has 62 Republican convention delegates of the 998 needed for nomination against Mr. Bush's 36.

Another possibility, former president Gerald Ford, is deciding whether to enter the race later this month.



John Connally

Both Mr. Reagan and Mr. Bush scheduled press conferences today for a last appeal to Republican voters in the nation's seventh-largest state before flying to Georgia and Alabama.

Democrats also hold their primaries in Florida, Alabama and Georgia tomorrow, but there has been little active campaigning and President Carter is expected to win all three.

His challenger, Senator Edward Kennedy, said in a television interview yesterday he was concentrating his efforts in Illinois.

He also said he would not necessarily drop out of the race even if he lost to Mr. Carter in all four primaries in the next eight days. Illinois' primary will be March 18.

One Democratic Party source said the blunder could have forced the president's share of the vote down by five points or more.

Demirel outlines progress against Turkey's economic crisis, violence

ANKARA, March 10 (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel has outlined the progress of his government's battle against economic crisis and political violence during its first 100 days in office.

The premier said he was confident in the progress of his economic programme in bringing inflation down from 100 per cent and maintain vital imports, but he conceded that street violence was continuing.

At each of three press conferences over the past three days, Mr. Demirel made a statement before facing reporters' questions.

"We are giving great importance to restoring the climate of confidence which was damaged both inside and outside Turkey," Mr. Demirel said.

"We have completely eliminated Turkey's image of being a sick man."

Mr. Demirel said Turkey had already found the \$3.16 billion external financing it needed this year to keep the economy afloat.

The prime minister said \$600 million would be

secured by new debt rescheduling, \$300 million would come from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and \$168 million from commercial banks.

A further \$1.6 billion would come from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries, and \$500 million from the World Bank.

Western diplomats here said Mr. Demirel's figures on debt rescheduling and OECD credits appeared premature.

The OECD is due to consider how much of the Turkish debt to reschedule at a meeting in Paris next week. A pledging session on cash aid is scheduled for the following week.

On political violence, Mr. Demirel said some 2,600 suspects had been arrested and their weapons seized during his government's 100 days.

"Bloodshed continues, there are robberies, citizens are not at ease it is true. But there is no need for panic and despair," he added.

Six African nations reaffirm backing for Polisario guerrillas

BAMAKO, March 10 (R) — Leaders from six African countries have reaffirmed their strong backing for the Polisario Front guerrilla movement fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara.

The six countries — Algeria, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and the Libyan Jamahiriya, demanded in a communique that the Western Saharan people be allowed to exercise their sovereign right to self-determination.

The Front has been fighting a four-year guerrilla war against Morocco for independence of the former Spanish colony in north-west Africa.

But after a two-day summit in the Mali capital, the six leaders failed to agree on the setting up of a preferential political and economic organisation, political sources here said.

The five heads of state and Major Abdul-Salam Jalloud representing Libya's Colonel Muammar Qadhafi also postponed a decision on a friendship and non-aggression pact between them and asked their foreign ministers to further study the issue and report to the fifth Saharan conference due to be held in two years' time in the Mauritanian capital of Nouakchott.

The declared support of the six nations of the region for the Polisario Front, which was directly named in the communique, was widely expected.

It was seen as a further step on the part of an increasing number of Third World countries to isolate Morocco diplomatically, the sources said.

Despite last-minute efforts, Morocco failed to be allowed to attend the Bamako meeting, although the kingdom has centuries-old Saharan traditions, they said.

On cooperation, the summit decided to set up five special standing committees to review cooperation in all fields, officials said.

But no details were given as to whether oil-rich countries like Libya and Algeria had pledged financial aid to countries like Mauritania or Mali, both severely hit by drought.

China's ageing leaders urged to begin empowering younger people

PEKING, March 10 (R) — China's Communist Party newspaper today called for ageing Chinese leaders gradually to hand over their power to younger people in order to ensure a stable succession.

The People's Daily said in a front page editorial that "old comrades" had a responsibility to pass on their experience to younger cadres so they could carry out China's modernisation programme.

"A good way to pass on experience is to let a bunch of selected young people occupy the front line while old comrades withdraw to the second and third ranks," it said.

The editorial stressed the importance of collective leadership and also warned against promoting biased people or opportunists who would agree with anything just to get to the top.

"In the past the emphasis was on individual succession, and not collective succession," it said.

adding that there should be a smooth and stable transition and not an abrupt change.

"We must increase our vigilance against those political opportunists who set their sails according to the prevailing wind and on questions of principle do things only to please those in charge," the editorial added.

Senior Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping is reported to be concerned about ensuring the right kind of successors at all levels as communist leaders who fought during the revolution gradually die off.

At a recent meeting of the Central Committee, a new secretariat was set up to handle the party's day-to-day affairs. Its 11 members were mostly in their early 60s, which is young by Chinese leadership standards.

Vice-Premier Deng himself is 74 and has been quoted by diplomatic sources as saying he would like to retire by 1985 and take on an advisory role.

Greece has taken first official step in direction of planned parenthood

ATHENS, Greece, March 10 (AP) — After decades of encouraging large families, Greece has taken its first tentative official step in the direction of planned parenthood.

A bill, which for the first time recognises the use of family planning methods, was pushed through parliament last month by Minister of Social Services Spyros Doxiades, with the strong support of Opposition Deputy Virginia Tsouderou. Fierce opposition came from members of the chamber who are also doctors.

Mrs. Tsouderou, who is also president of one of the two family planning advisory services in Greece, claimed that Greek gynecologists have advocated abortion practices on the side. During

the parliamentary debate, she alleged this is the main reason why family planning has been held back in the country.

Abortion is illegal in Greece, but Mrs. Tsouderou estimated that between 100,000 and 300,000 such operations are performed each year.

The new bill provides for government financing of an information service for any citizen who wishes advice and assistance regarding family planning.

Mrs. Tsouderou, in an interview, said that surveys have shown that the largest number of abortions are performed on married women.

She claimed that the majority of Greek women, and especially those in the big cities, are already practising real meaning of family planning.

Zia: Pakistan wants total security within framework of non-alignment

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 10 (R) — President Mohammad Zia Ul Haq said yesterday Pakistan wanted total security after the Soviet military push into Afghanistan but would remain non-aligned.

He told reporters his military government's main objective was to maintain Pakistan's non-aligned status.

"Within the framework of non-alignment, we want to buy total security for Pakistan," he said on arrival here.

It was within this framework that Pakistan would talk to the United States, had talked to the Soviet Union and was trying to improve relations with India, General Zia added.

The president, who reiterated in an interview published in West Germany yesterday his idea of a peacekeeping force for Afghanistan, said his government had not been in touch with the Soviet-backed government in Kabul since the Islamic foreign ministers conference in January.

The conference called on member countries to sever relations with Afghanistan. The Pakistan ambassador did not return to Kabul after the conference but there has been no formal rupture of relations.

General Zia said Pakistan had spent \$15 million on Afghan refugees in addition to foreign contributions of \$20 million.

The latest official estimate puts the number of Afghan refugees in Pakistan at about \$80,000.

General Zia was quoted by the West German magazine Der Spiegel as saying he had proposed to Moscow a peacekeeping force from non-aligned states to guarantee Afghanistan against outside interference if Soviet troops were withdrawn.

He rejected a proposal to make

Afghanistan neutral as unworkable and unrealistic.

Meanwhile, General Zia said today Pakistan was determined to continue its nuclear development programme speedily for peaceful purposes as it was vital for the nation's economy.

General Zia told a convention

of engineers in Lahore that Pakistan's conventional energy sources of hydroelectric power, natural gas, and coal were insufficient for its requirements while oil production was meeting hardly 13 per cent of Pakistan's needs.

The country would face serious difficulties if the petroleum-

exporting countries further raised the price of their oil.

Pakistan was trying to acquire nuclear technology for development projects of "extreme and vital national importance," he said.

General Zia's foreign affairs adviser, Mr. Agha Shahi, said on March 5 there was a "suggestion" in a United States offer of \$400 million in economic and military aid that its acceptance could "affect the pursuit of our nuclear research and development programme as long as the aid relationship continued."

Pakistan rejected the offer made following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Several West European countries, the United States and Canada have expressed reservations about Pakistan's nuclear programme and have voiced the fear that the Islamabad government was working towards exploding a nuclear device.



Pakistan's President Zia (Gamma photo)

Hussein, Giscard agree

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and stressed the need and importance of deepening it," it said.

King Hussein expressed his interest in the French president's proposal on the Arab-European-African dialogue, and voiced his satisfaction and actual support of the president's initiative for setting up the Arab World Institute in Paris with the aim of deepening knowledge of the Arab World and a better mutual knowledge of the languages, cultures and civilisations of the Arab countries, and through them, of Europe," JNA said.

King Hussein and the French president reviewed bilateral relations and affirmed their determination to promote cooperation between the two friendly countries.

They expressed "their gratification at the encouraging results accomplished in the field of bilateral economic relations and at the fruitful outcome of the first French-Jordanian protocol signed in 1977 for financing and establishing the phosphate fertilisers plant in Aqaba," JNA said.

The two leaders also "discussed new horizons leading to strengthening bilateral relations and paid a special interest to industrial projects for the prospecting, utilisation and investment of mineral and petroleum resources, the production of fertilisers, electricity, cement and car assembly," JNA said.

They also "declared their willingness to develop the current cooperation in the field of telecommunications."

The French president and King Hussein also expressed their satisfaction with "the positive development of cultural relations between their two countries, based on the cultural and artistic cooperation agreement signed between them on 16th June, 1965."

They declared their "satisfaction with the good results achieved by the television cooperation agreement and noticed especially the success of the French programme on Jordan Television. They also voiced their common desire for boosting cooperation in the field of the exchange of programmes and training, and for this purpose a special committee will be formed of the competent departments in the two countries."

"They also noticed the good results of cooperation in the subject of mapping and the mounting growth in relations between the French and Jordanian universities," JNA said.

The French president "extended an official invitation to visit France to His Majesty King Hussein... who accepted the invitation, the date for which is to be fixed later," JNA said.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing wound up a 10-day tour of the Middle East and flew home from Riyadh today after a meeting with Saudi Arabia's King Khaled. He had arrived in Riyadh earlier in the day from Amman, on the last leg of his tour.

He was seen off at the airport by His Majesty King Hussein, Prince Mohammad, Crown Prince Has-

san and senior government officials.

Yesterday His Majesty King Hussein accompanied Mr. Giscard d'Estaing on a tour of the Jordan Valley.

They visited development projects being carried out and were briefed by Crown Prince Hassan on the region's industrial, agricultural and housing schemes.

The two leaders were accompanied on the tour by the prime minister and a number of Jordanian and French officials. King Hussein also took his guest to visit Umm Qais, at the northwestern tip of Jordan.

While the Middle East situation dominated talks between the French leader and King Hussein, separate talks on mutual economic, cultural, technical and industrial cooperation were held by senior officials. (See page 2)

On arrival in Riyadh, President Giscard d'Estaing went immediately into talks with King Khaled, who left hospital three days ago after treatment for exhaustion. He later had a working lunch with Crown Prince Fahd and other officials, the Saudi Press Agency said.

There were no immediate details of what was discussed.

President Giscard d'Estaing visited Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and Jordan. The tour was designed to strengthen France's diplomatic and economic ties with the region. His top aides signed agreements for French-Arab cooperation in the fields of economy, politics, oil, trade and technology in the various countries on their itinerary.

World News Briefs

MANILA, March 10 (R) — Military authorities today blamed separatist Filipino Muslim rebels for a series of grenade attacks in two southern Philippines cities yesterday in which 27 people were killed and nearly 260 wounded. In a report to President Ferdinand Marcos, Brigadier General Delfin Castro said the military had captured documents which indicated the attacks were the work of the rebels, fighting for greater autonomy in the predominantly Christian Philippines. General Castro, acting commander of the southern command, said the bombings were coordinated and could be part of a campaign to attract the attention of the Islamic conference in Islamabad next month. The explosions occurred in Ozamis City on the island of Mindanao and nearby Iligan City about 800 kilometres south of Manila, and today defence and medical teams were being flown to the cities.

LONDON, March 10 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington in talks with Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denkash today stressed the importance of maximum flexibility in getting a resumption of intercommunal talks on the future of the divided island. British officials said Lord Carrington during a 30-minute meeting reiterated that Britain supported the efforts of United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in trying to reconvene talks between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot sides. Mr. Denkash, here on a short private visit, reiterated to reporters last Thursday that he may be forced to declare unilateral independence in North Cyprus if there was no progress towards a settlement. The Mediterranean island Commonwealth republic has been divided among Turkish-Cypriots in the north and the Greek-Cypriot majority in the south since the 1974 crisis when Turkish forces landed in the north. The island's Greek-Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou held talks with Mrs. Thatcher here recently to seek British support for a resumption of the intercommunal negotiations. Britain does not recognise the self-proclaimed Turkish federated state of Cyprus in the north but holds talks with Mr. Denkash as leader of the Turkish-Cypriot community.

MOSCOW, March 10 (R) — Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, one-time heir apparent to Josef Stalin, marked his 90th birthday yesterday in continuing obscurity. One of the last of the old guard of revolutionaries who seized power in 1917, Mr. Molotov is ignored by the official press and given only cursory mentions in reference works despite a quarter century at the pinnacle of Kremlin power. Officially he is considered beyond the pale for his association with Stalin. He was outmanoeuvred by Stalin's successor, Nikita Khrushchev, and expelled from the inner circle of power in 1957. He retired in 1961 and since then has lived quietly and apparently in good health in his apartment in Granovsky Street, a stone's throw from the Kremlin wall.

GENEVA, March 10 (AP) — After weeks of debate to send a telegram to Soviet authorities denouncing the internal exile of Mr. Andrei Sakharov, the United Nations Human Rights Commission today was presented with an official text sponsored by six nations calling on Moscow to provide more information. The text, presented by Britain, West Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Costa Rica and Panama, ensured a vote in the 43-nation commission later this week on the most controversial issue so far raised in the six-week long session. The commission, the text says, should decide to "request the government of the Soviet Union to provide more information on this case," which it added should be taken up again at next year's meeting. Mr. Sakharov, a prize-winning physicist and leading Soviet dissident, was banished to internal exile earlier this year. Meanwhile, a Soviet resolution — described by one Western source as a deliberate attempt to match the Sakharov text politically — called on Britain to supply the commission immediately with information on action it is taking to stop alleged violations of human rights in Northern Ireland. The resolution says Britain has "practically established... a regime of military occupation" in that region.

LEIPZIG, March 10 (AP) — East German leader Erich Honecker opened the Leipzig Trade Fair yesterday with the traditional tour of some of the 6,000 exhibits from more than 60 nations. The week-long fair brings together business representatives from East and West and has traditionally been a leading forum for trade between the Soviet Bloc and Western nations.

NEW DELHI, March 10 (R) — Indian Premier Indira Gandhi today called for new international arrangements to eliminate hunger from the earth. Mrs. Gandhi was speaking at the inaugural session of the regional ministerial conference here of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). She said governments should be spurred into action by the realisation that 800 million people in the world went to bed hungry each day although science provided the ability to feed all mankind. Mrs. Gandhi said it was unfortunate that recommendations made by the World Food Conference in Rome in 1974 had made little headway. Asian countries in particular must pool their resources to roll back "the tide of hunger and malnutrition," she said. How this could be achieved should be the concern of those taking part in the FAO conference here. Mr. Edouard Saouma, the FAO's director-general, said there must be a sharp increase in food production in the 1980s if basic human needs are to be met. The conference is discussing how to produce more food and cope with natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific region.

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